

## Editorial

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*Journal of Prosthodontic Research* in great shape and continues to grow

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As I begin my tenure as Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Prosthodontic Research (JPR)*, I consider this opportunity as both an honor and a serious challenge. *JPR* is in very good shape, thanks to the work of my three predecessors, Takuo Kuboki, Atsuro Yokoyama and Ryuji Hosokawa. The publication's solid reputation, a very reliable journal with well-written, high-quality papers and a fast but rigorous peer-review process that provides fair, detailed, and constructive referee reports for the benefit of authors, is based largely on the works it has published over the past four years. The other main reason for *JPR*'s success is the consistent and dedicated contributions by associate editors and referees. They have all made many exceptional efforts to maintain the high-quality scientific articles found regularly in *JPR*. I greatly appreciate all these efforts.

The publication originated as an official journal of the Japan Prosthodontic Society and since then has developed a long-range plan to become the most prestigious Asian journal of dental research focusing on prosthodontics. It should be noted that the number of submissions to *JPR* by authors overseas has increased considerably over the past two years. The journal has already been indexed in MEDLINE, Scopus, and EMBASE.

Furthermore, in the past four years we have made a great deal of effort to be indexed in Journal Citation Reports to receive the Impact factor. The journal's main goal is to promote the best scientific writing in the field of prosthodontics by constantly publishing the highest-quality scientific papers available, and *JPR* will continue to focus on eight targeted topics.

- (1) Clinical Epidemiology and Prosthodontics
- (2) Fixed/Removable Prosthodontics
- (3) Oral Implantology
- (4) Prosthodontics-Related Biosciences (Regenerative Medicine, Bone Biology Mechanobiology, Microbiology/Immunology)
- (5) Oral Physiology and Biomechanics (Masticating and Swallowing Function, Parafunction, e.g., bruxism)
- (6) Orofacial Pain and Temporomandibular Disorders (TMDs)
- (7) Adhesive Dentistry/Dental Materials/Esthetic Dentistry
- (8) Maxillofacial Prosthodontics and Dysphasia Rehabilitation

As the new Editor-in-Chief, I wish to emphasize the growing importance of promoting (1) regenerative science, which has the potential to change future prosthodontics; (2) translational studies, which enhance prosthodontic applications of basic science that promote human oral health and well-being; and (3) clinical and epidemiological studies, which provide readers with the best clinical evidence available and promote evidence-based dentistry. They are in line with my predecessor's view point [1–4].

Nowadays, advanced digital technology has been applied to clinical dentistry, known as “digital dentistry.” Advanced technologies have the potential to change prosthodontics in the near future, and actually some of them, such as CAD/CAM and 3D implant simulation, have already been widely used by clinicians. I would like to add digital dentistry as another targeted topic of the journal.

The most critical part of a scientific journal is the quality and timeliness of its contents. We need to consistently explore new subject areas where the journal has not been very active in the past. We will very soon provide this revised and expanded scope of cutting-edge scientific coverage in our advice and instructions to authors.

Since we started *JPR*, its front-page design has remained the same. We are now working to renew this design to show color figures selected from articles in the issue. We look forward to this step and will very soon introduce the new format. I am sure that this change will provide readers with a better impression that hopefully will present a fresh impact of the journal to all.

To improve our peer-review process, my two predecessors have been working to establish it with firmer criteria and standard procedures. From my term onward, we will increase the number of associate editors in response to the increased number of submissions. I hope that authors will find submitting and publishing an even smoother and more helpful process than it has been in the past two years, and we welcome all feedback from authors concerning the results of our intentions.

Lastly, I am confident that these comments will be positively received, but our goals cannot be achieved without the active participation of our readers and authors. I therefore ask for your continued support of our journal. In other words, a great deal of our success depends on you as readers and authors. I hope that

you continue to recognize *JPR* as an outstanding resource in your professional work and that you will consider its use on a daily basis in your research and clinical practice.

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